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Allocation of agenda items to the First Committee

Letter dated 21 September 2005 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the First Committee

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the decisions taken by the General Assembly at the 17th plenary meeting of its sixtieth session on 20 September 2005, pertaining to the allocation of items to the First Committee.

I wish to draw your attention to the recommendations on the organization of the session contained in section II of the report of the General Committee (A/60/250). Those recommendations were also approved by the General Assembly at its 17th plenary meeting.

May I also draw your attention to the relevant parts of sections IV and V of the report concerning the agenda of the Main Committees.

I earnestly request your cooperation in these matters.

(*Signed*) Jan **Eliasson**

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Annex

Allocation of items to the First Committee

1. Election of the officers of the Main Committees [item 5].

G. Disarmament

2. Reduction of military budgets [item 85]:
   (a) Reduction of military budgets;
   (b) Objective information on military matters, including transparency of military expenditures.
3. Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security [item 86].
4. Prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons: report of the Conference on Disarmament [item 87].
5. Question of Antarctica [item 88].
6. Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace [item 89].
7. African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone Treaty [item 90].
8. Consolidation of the regime established by the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco) [item 91].
9. Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification [item 92].
10. Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament [item 93].
11. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East [item 94].
12. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons [item 95].
13. Prevention of an arms race in outer space [item 96].
14. General and complete disarmament [item 97]:

    [The General Assembly decided that the relevant paragraphs of the annual report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (A/60/204), which is to be considered directly in plenary meeting under item 84, be drawn to the attention of the First Committee in connection with its consideration of item 97]

    (a) Notification of nuclear tests;
    (b) Prohibition of the dumping of radioactive wastes;
    (c) Reduction of non-strategic nuclear weapons;

(d) Transparency in armaments;

(e) National legislation on transfer of arms, military equipment and dual-use goods and technology;

(f) Missiles;

(g) Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control;

(h) Promotion of multilateralism in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation;

(i) Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament;

(j) Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction;

(k) Assistance to States for curbing the illicit traffic in small arms and collecting them;

(l) Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: accelerating the implementation of nuclear disarmament commitments;

(m) Nuclear disarmament;

(n) Relationship between disarmament and development;

(o) Reducing nuclear danger;

(p) Measures to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction;

(q) Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the *Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons*;

(r) Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction;

(s) Nuclear-weapon-free southern hemisphere and adjacent areas;

(t) The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects;

(u) Confidence-building measures in the regional and subregional context;

(v) Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels;

(w) Regional disarmament;

(x) Prevention of the illicit transfer and unauthorized access to and use of man-portable air defence systems;

(y) The Hague Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation;

(z) Information on confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms;

(aa) Bilateral strategic nuclear arms reductions and the new strategic framework;

(bb) Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia;

(cc) United Nations conference to identify ways of eliminating nuclear dangers in the context of nuclear disarmament;

(dd) Problems arising from the accumulation of conventional ammunition stockpiles in surplus.

15. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly [item 98]:

(a) Regional confidence-building measures: activities of the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa;

(b) United Nations regional centres for peace and disarmament;

(c) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean;

(d) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific;

(e) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa;

(f) Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons.

16. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session [item 99]:

(a) Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters;

(b) United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research;

(c) Report of the Conference on Disarmament;

(d) Report of the Disarmament Commission.

17. The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East [item 100].

18. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects [item 101].

19. Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region [item 102].

20. Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty [item 103].

21. Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction [item 104].

22. Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security [item 105].

I. Organizational, administrative and other matters

23. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [item 116].

[The General Assembly decided to allocate item 116 also to all the Main Committees for the sole purpose of considering and taking action on their respective tentative programmes of work.]

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Programme of work and timetable

Programme/meeting	*Dates*	*Number of meetings*
Meeting for the organization of work	Thursday, 29 September	1
General debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items (items 85-105)	Monday, 3 October to Friday, 7 October	7
Closure of the list of speakers for the general debate on agenda items (items 85-105)[1]	Tuesday, 4 October at 6 p.m.	
Exchange with the Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs and other United Nations officials	Week of 10 October	1
Follow-up of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Committee at its past session/presentation of reports[2]	Week of 10 October	1
Panel discussion with independent experts[3]	Week of 10 October	1

[1] A rolling list of speakers would be open one month in advance of the beginning of the session. Delegations are encouraged to limit the time of their statements to a maximum of 10 minutes, and statements on behalf of groups of countries should not exceed 15 minutes. The list would give priority to high-level representatives and should be regularly shared with the Committee so as to increase transparency.

[2] Presentation of reports could also take place during the thematic debate.

[3] Wide civil society participation is encouraged.

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Programme/meeting	*Dates*	*Number of meetings*
Thematic discussion on item subjects, and introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items (items 85-105)	Monday, 10 October to Friday, 21 October	7
Deadline for submission of draft resolutions under agenda items (items 85-105)	Wednesday, 12 October at 6 p.m.	
Action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items (items 85-105)	Monday, 24 October to Tuesday, 1 November	7
Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (item 116)[4]	Tuesday, 1 November	
General debate, consideration of and action on draft resolution(s) submitted under agenda item 88 (Question of Antarctica)	Tuesday, 1 November	

[4] At its 17th meeting, on 20 September 2005, the General Assembly decided to allocate item 116 to all the Main Committees for the sole purpose of considering and taking action on their respective tentative programmes of work.

Annex

Disarmament and International Security Committee (First Committee)

26-30 September	26 Monday		27 Tuesday		28 Wednesday		29 Thursday		30 Friday	
	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
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3-7 October	3 Monday		4 Tuesday		5 Wednesday		6 Thursday		7 Friday	
	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
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10-14 October	10 Monday		11 Tuesday		12 Wednesday		13 Thursday		14 Friday	
	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
		x		x		x		x		x
17-21 October	17 Monday		18 Tuesday		19 Wednesday		20 Thursday		21 Friday	
	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
	x		x		x		x		x	
24-28 October	24 Monday		25 Tuesday		26 Wednesday		27 Thursday		28 Friday	
	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
		x		x		x		x		x
31 October-1 November	31 Monday		1 Tuesday		2 Wednesday		3 Thursday		4 Friday	
	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
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The Committee will exercise flexibility on the scheduling of the meetings during the last two weeks of the session.

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Note: Les délégations sont priées d'envoyer leurs corrections à la présente liste, par écrit, au Secrétaire de la Commission, bureau S-2977H, Bâtiment du Secrétariat.

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获长期邀请以观察员身份参加大会届会和工作 并在总部设有常驻观察员代表团的实体

Entities having received a standing invitation to participate as observers in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly and maintaining permanent observer missions at Headquarters

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Letter dated 12 October 2005 from the Permanent Representative of Kazakhstan to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the First Committee

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a statement by Nursultan A. Nazarbayev, the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, made during the international symposium "Kazakhstan: Strengthening International Cooperation for Peace and Security", held on 8 October 2005 in Ust-Kamenogorsk, Kazakhstan (see annex).

Since the Republic of Kazakhstan was the host country of the symposium, I would be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the First Committee of the General Assembly, under agenda item 97.

(*Signed*) Yerzhan Kh. **Kazykhanov**

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Address by the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan at the international symposium: "Kazakhstan: Strengthening International Cooperation for Peace and Security"

I am delighted to welcome you to this very representative gathering in the hospitable land of Kazakhstan. Our Republic, and its eastern region where we are meeting now, is directly concerned in the subject of the international symposium. I regard the fact that the forum is being held in this particular place as recognition of the important role of Kazakhstan in the non-proliferation process and in the struggle for security and stable economic development.

Today you have already had an opportunity to visit the facilities of the nuclear industry in Ust-Kamenogorsk. It was not far from here, near Semipalatinsk, and not so long ago, that one of the largest nuclear testing sites in the world was in operation.

Over the half century of the existence of the testing site, over 450 atomic and thermonuclear explosions were conducted. Thus Kazakhs, more than anyone else, know about the terrible consequences of nuclear tests. To this day not only involuntary spectators of these explosions, but also their children and grandchildren, are continuing to suffer.

This was one of the complex and tragic pages in the history of Kazakhstan. Along with the final closure of the Semipalatinsk nuclear test site, our State also took a decision to renounce possession of this lethal weapon.

After the collapse of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, a large number of nuclear weapons — strategic missiles with multiple warheads, which in the West were given the sinister name "Satan", long-range bombers and their atomic and thermonuclear charges — remained in the territory of the Republic. All this lethal potential was the fourth most powerful in the world.

At that time in Kazakhstan, there was a total of 148 silos for the launching of ground-based intercontinental ballistic missiles. In these launching silos there were 104 intercontinental ballistic missiles, each of which was equipped with a nuclear warhead. The payload of these missiles was 7.6 tons, and the range was about 12,000 kilometres.

And yet, for the first time in world history, Kazakhstan took a decision to voluntarily renounce all this fearful armada. This was our conscious choice, dictated in the first place by the fact that the people of Kazakhstan have first-hand experience of the terrible consequences of atomic weapons tests.

The decision to renounce the nuclear arsenal determined Kazakhstan's further strategy in the sphere of global security.

We were supported by the States of the "nuclear club": the United States of America, the Russian Federation and the United Kingdom, under an agreement signed by the heads of these countries.

On 5 December 1995, in Budapest, these States gave us guarantees of security and territorial integrity in return for our renunciation of nuclear weapons. China and France subsequently joined the agreement.

It may be said, figuratively speaking, that from that time Kazakhstan became a kind of "epicentre for peace", that is to say, a place where, for the first time in history, people who possessed destructive power voluntarily renounced it. As you will recall, a few years ago I wrote a book with this title.

With this decision we confirmed at the practical level our desire to live in peace, friendship and good-neighbourliness with all States and peoples. I believe that this may be considered a worthy contribution by independent Kazakhstan to the strengthening of stability and security in the world.

At the same time, Kazakhstan attracted enormous investments into its economy, and was able to start allocating all its resources to enhancing the well-being of its citizens. Our country is a leader in economic and political reforms in the post-Soviet area. The growth rates of the economy, amounting to 9-10 per cent a year, are considered among the highest in the world.

Today Kazakhstan is a consistent supporter of disarmament and of the campaign against extremism and international terrorism.

At present, one of the key elements of stability in the modern world is a stable system of global security.

The advanced state of modern science and technology, the accessibility of information in almost all areas of knowledge, and the significant reduction in the cost of industrial technologies, should all work only to the benefit of mankind. Unfortunately, progress is creating new possibilities, not only for peaceful development, but also for obstruction of such development. The global security system must therefore be constantly improved to keep pace with technical development.

Strict control of weapons, particularly of dangerous materials and technologies, is a key element of non-proliferation and the basis for any security system. Prevention of the spread of weapons themselves, and of individual components, at the global level is an effective means of curbing terrorism and aggressive aspirations.

The largest international programme for the development of non-proliferation regimes is the Cooperative Threat Reduction Program, known in 1993-1995 as the Nunn-Lugar Program, named after the two United States senators who were its initiators.

The Nunn-Lugar Program had the initial goal of reducing the direct security threat to the United States of America, but over time it became a strategy for international cooperation among many other countries participating in the programme.

Each new stage of the programme involves a broader range of activity, more complex objectives, and an increased number of participants. The operation of the

Cooperative Threat Reduction Program in Kazakhstan clearly demonstrates all these attributes.

We may recall recent historical events: in 1992, while in a difficult socio-economic situation, Kazakhstan, after the collapse of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, became the fourth largest nuclear-weapon State in the world.

The temptation to preserve these weapons was enormous. We were actually advised to do this by some "friendly" countries. Within the country, too, there were groups of prominent people who believed that the renunciation of nuclear weapons was a mistake.

However, none of the difficulties deterred us from our decision of principle to declare Kazakhstan a non-nuclear country. This historic choice determined Kazakhstan's further strategy in the sphere of global security.

The basic pivot of our policy is the development of non-proliferation regimes.

Thus, the objectives of Kazakhstan and the United States of America in the area of non-proliferation and reduction of the risk of the use of weapons of mass destruction coincided with the first stages of the Program.

The autumn of 2000 became a landmark in the implementation of the Program. During this period, the five-year programme for the elimination of the nuclear weapons infrastructure in the Semipalatinsk test site was completed.

Documents were signed reflecting the new direction of joint activity — prevention of the proliferation of particularly dangerous dual-use materials and technologies. This made it possible to start work on securing the nuclear materials of the Kazakh BN-350 reactor and its decommissioning.

About 2,900 kilograms of nuclear fuel, including highly enriched uranium, had to be placed in conditions which would completely exclude the risk of its illegal use.

In 2001 senator Sam Nunn and the President of the Nuclear Threat Initiative Fund, Charles Curtis, offered to assist the Kazakh Government in resolving this problem. Technical teams from both sides worked out a project on the safe transportation of fresh highly enriched fuel of the BN-350 reactor and its reprocessing into low-grade nuclear material.

The basic goal of the project was to strengthen global security by reducing the risk of the use of weapons of mass destruction.

I note with satisfaction that the project is now at the stage of completion.

The Nuclear Threat Initiative Fund underwrote all stages of the project, and carried out monitoring and expert analysis of its implementation.

Kazakh enterprises successfully accomplished the objective sought.

Summing up, I should like to note that the main means of preventing the proliferation of particularly dangerous nuclear, chemical and bacteriological substances has always been a reliable system of accounting, control and physical protection of such materials. In recent years the United States of America has completely overhauled its security system and offered to help the countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States to develop their national systems.

A modern security system should completely exclude illegal access or the spread of material during emergency situations. This is precisely the goal sought by the Fund projects to strengthen the physical protection and prevent the proliferation of particularly dangerous materials, which are being carried out in Kazakhstan.

Where possible, however, the most reliable and economically viable means of averting the threat of the proliferation of such materials is their transformation into a state which would exclude their military use. Fast neutron reactors have now been in use in industrial facilities for more than 40 years. This means that the problems that led to the appearance of this Project will arise increasingly frequently.

The Kazakh project and the successful experience of reprocessing highly enriched uranium into low-grade uranium may become a successful example and a basis for the development of similar projects and programmes in other regions and countries. Kazakhstan is prepared to take active steps to publicize this experience, afford all possible assistance and participate in the implementation of projects.

We hope that our example will be beneficial for other States. In recent years, we have witnessed the failure of agreements adopted within the framework of the United Nations on nuclear deterrence, non-proliferation and the non-processing of nuclear materials. Our neighbours — Pakistan and India — have become nuclear-weapon States. This means that the world needs to find a completely different solution from that which currently exists. While affirming that nuclear weapons should not be developed by other countries and should not spread, the nuclear Powers themselves, particularly the largest of them, the United States of America, the Russian Federation and others, should set an example by reducing their own nuclear arsenals.

On the basis of the existing agreements, the situation has developed whereby some countries are allowed to have weapons and improve them, and others are forbidden to have weapons or even to develop them. This is wrong, disproportionate and dishonest. In the globalized world, within the context of the United Nations, I believe that this compact should be reviewed to reflect global actions and the responsibility of all States, above all nuclear-weapon States, to reduce their nuclear weapons and gradually destroy their arsenals.

We believe that the steps we have taken over the past decade have become a major contribution to maintaining stability and security throughout the world. The Republic of Kazakhstan and the multi-ethnic people of Kazakhstan reaffirm their historic choice for the non-nuclear status of their State and call upon other countries to follow suit.